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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services directed states to expand vaccine eligibility to include people who work in school and child care operations. As stated in the attached federal directive, this includes:

"those who work in pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools, as well as Head Start and Early Head Start programs (including teachers, staff, and bus drivers) and those who work as or for licensed child care providers, including center-based and family care providers."

Sincerely,

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